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What sets Miami apart from other great cities? Just about everything. This seductive, subtropical city began as a pioneer trading post on the banks of the Miami River. Fast forward one hundred years, and you've arrived at one of the most exciting new cities in America. Miami's great weather, thriving arts scene, multicultural populace and non-stop nightlife lure an international crowd that keeps coming back for more. Greater Miami's multifaceted appeal means fun-in-the-sun partying takes place alongside sophisticated cultural happenings in a city that never sleeps.

Our attractions also include natural wonders like the Everglades, miles and miles of sandy beaches, hot sports teams, marvelous museums and festivals you won't find anywhere else. Add to this an array of gay-friendly events, lodgings and nightspots—and you've got one memorable tropical vacation. So pack your bags and come discover how the Magic City got its name.

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The Miami Begins With Me initiative was created to generate awareness of the importance of customer service throughout our community. As the official sales and marketing organization for Greater Miami and the Beaches, the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) is responsible for bringing millions of people to our wonderful destination, and for ensuring a quality experience while they are here.

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tropical retreats

Center-of-the-action sassy or quiet and secluded? Greater Miami's hotels and resorts have multiple personalities. Whatever your vacation mood or mode, there's a pillow with your name on it!

what's your pleasure?

Whether it's romance, business or a weekend getaway, Miami offers a wide variety of lodgings. Gay and lesbian travelers will feel welcomed not only on South Beach, but throughout Greater Miami.



Miami's incredible diversity of accommodations means we've got a room just for you. From historic Art Deco properties and charming bed and breakfast inns to business hotels and oceanfront resorts, quality choices abound. Business or pleasure, we aim to please.

South Beach and Art Deco go hand in hand, since the southern tip of Miami Beach is home to one of the world's most spectacular concentrations of 1930s architecture. A hotel stay at one of these pastel-colored beauties is a delightful way to experience Miami Beach history.

Porthole windows, intricate friezes and ziggurat roofs are all trademarks of Art Deco style. Along Ocean Drive and elsewhere, hotel lobbies have been transformed into elegant restaurants and nightclubs. Many of these dining rooms extend outdoors onto romantic terraces cooled by ocean breezes.

Vacation with Style

Intimacy and style make Miami's boutique hotels unique.

Everything you need surrounds you—
incredible experiences and amenities
are just around the corner.

For more information, visit
www.MiamiBoutiqueHotels.com

Several new upscale hotel brands have added panache to Greater Miami's lodging options. Sophisticated travelers appreciate these luxury properties, where pampering and attention to detail are the norm. Established hotels and resorts have kept pace with these newcomers with designer makeovers of their own, which include spa additions and the latest in-room technology. Superior service, stunning views and gourmet dining are hallmarks of Miami's finer hotels, which pride themselves on taking care of your every need.

Boutique hotels are also very much a part of Miami's hotel scene—offering intimate spaces with designer touches and personalized service. Many are budget friendly and well located, so you don't have to break the bank to be where the action is!

Miami's boutique hotels know how to pamper. Guest rooms offer soothing colors, soft sheets, free Wi-Fi and designer toiletries. Many boutique hotels boast on-site spas with tropically inspired treatments and charming cafés where you can dine under the palms. Touches like complimentary afternoon iced tea and fresh flowers in your room add to the pleasant sense of being a well-cared-for guest.

For families, large resorts with imaginative children's programs are a perfect lodging choice. Many offer proximity to local attractions and large swimming pools for splashing around. Amenities like toy-filled welcome kits, cookies at turn-down time and plenty of planned activities keep everybody happy.



Did You Know?

The Art Deco District in Miami Beach is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and consists of nearly 1,000 buildings.

If you're not staying at an oceanfront resort, there are plenty of delightful public beaches within minutes.

Miami and Miami Beach also offer pet-friendly properties that welcome your furry friends with fresh water, tasty treats and a nice place to sleep. After all, creatures great and small love to be treated like royalty. So don't hesitate to bring the whole family along. To find out about pet-friendly accommodations, visit www.GoGayMiami.com.



For even more royal treatment, check out one of the many spa resorts throughout Greater Miami and the Beaches. A vacation at one of these pleasure palaces is sure to be just what the doctor ordered. Ginger salt scrubs, after-sun facials and sunrise yoga on the beach will have you chillin' in no time. Be sure to call in advance and request a spa menu if you plan on visiting a resort spa but are

staying off-property. That way, you can reserve treatments ahead of time.

Wherever you choose to stay, you'll encounter genuinely friendly service and comfortable surroundings. From Art Deco ambience to deluxe Downtown digs, the variety of lodgings offered throughout Greater Miami makes for some very sweet dreams indeed!







a taste of the arts

The arts are alive and well in Miami. Professional dance, theater, music and opera productions abound, our top-notch museums amaze and astound. Find out what the culture vultures are buzzing about...

food for the soul

Greater Miami's melting pot makes for a rich cultural experience. From Betancourt to Botero, reggae to rumba, Art Deco to Art Basel—you'll find it here. Miami is an international cultural destination *par excellence*.



In 21st-century Miami, arts and culture not only thrive but redefine artistic frontiers as the artists who live and work here have a global impact in the worlds of dance, song and the visual arts. Amazingly, Miami is home to more than 1,200 nonprofit cultural groups. This includes local dance companies, theater groups, musical organizations and art alliances.

While more Miamians take advantage of this rich mosaic of artistic expression, visitors also can include the area's cultural kaleidoscope on their vacation itineraries by attending a performance or two, or by timing their visit to coincide with one of many festivals and cultural events taking place throughout the year.

Cultural institutions of note include the **Miami City Ballet**, **Florida Grand Opera** and the **New World Symphony**, which perform locally and on the international stage, winning acclaim and accolades along the way. The esteemed **Concert Association**

Gallery Walks

Gallery walks are another great way to explore the vibrant visual arts being created here. They take place one evening each month in several different

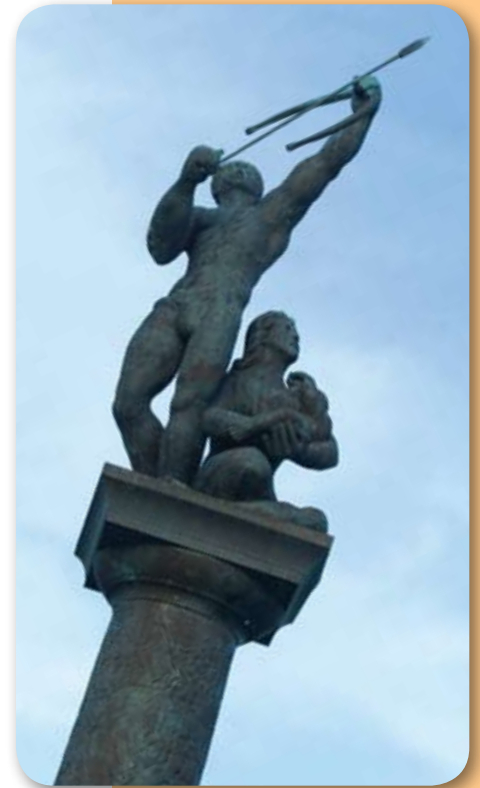
Miami neighborhoods, including: Coral Gables, North Miami, Wynwood, the Design District, Little Havana and historic Española Way on Miami Beach. For a complete schedule of gallery walks, visit www.ArtCircuits.com

of **South Florida** brings an amazing array of international orchestras, major classical stars and dance companies to the South Florida community throughout the year. In the fall, the University of Miami's **Festival Miami** is a five-week musical blitz of world premieres, symphonic concerts, chamber music and jazz performances.

Indeed, the arts calendar is full, not just in the traditional season from October to

May, but year-round as performances and cultural festivals continue into the summer. Each December, **Art Basel Miami Beach** boasts one of the country's most important exhibitions of 20th- and 21st-century art, welcoming works from more than 200 galleries from across the United States, Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. Also in December, **Art Miami** showcases a variety of art from more than 100 leading national and international contemporary art galleries and prominent institutions.

Arteaméricas, which takes place in March on Miami Beach, is the premier fair of art from Latin America. **Art Deco Weekend**, in January, is a lively street fair that pays homage to Miami Beach's signature architectural style. Every February, Miami's very first art show—the **Coconut Grove Arts Festival**—takes center stage as one of the nation's premier outdoor fine arts fairs, attracting more than a quarter million people to view works by more than 330 artists and craftspeople from around the world. **Miami Book Fair International**





showcases the best of multicultural Miami each November with renowned authors and special programs whose subjects literally span continents. The **Florida Dance Festival** in June features local, national and international guest artists and dance companies.

Greater Miami's colorful past (and present) are represented in fascinating and comprehensive exhibits at the **Historical Museum of Southern Florida**, the **Jewish Museum of Florida** and the **Miami Children's Museum**. Visitors can get a taste of the original Miami at the **Annual Indian Arts Festival**, held each December at the Miccosukee Indian Village and featuring Native American artisans from all over the Americas as well as costumed dancers, alligator wrestling and authentic Indian crafts.

Miami boasts several first-rate art and design museums, including the **Bass Museum of Art**; **Wolfsonian-FIU**; **Miami**

Art Museum; the **Museum of Contemporary Art**; **Frost Museum of Art at Florida International University** and the **Lowe Art Museum** on the campus of the University of Miami. Contemporary art spaces well worth a visit include the **Margulies Collection at the Warehouse** and the **Rubell Family Collection**. Artists' collectives where you can see and purchase exciting new work by local artists include: **Art Center/South Florida** on Lincoln Road; the **Bakehouse Art Complex**; and **ArtSouth at Homestead**.

Fans of cutting-edge dance, theater and performance art should check out anything that **Miami Light Project** or **Tigertail Productions** are doing. Both arts groups are pioneers in bringing new artists and consistently high-quality performances to Greater Miami. **Ballet Gamonet** has garnered rave reviews ever since two of Miami's most dynamic dance companies decided to combine their talents into one spectacular dance



corps. The **International Ballet Festival of Miami** brings an exciting line-up of world-renowned dance companies to our fair city in August and September.

World music fans who appreciate works by both established and new musical talent will want to see what's on the **Rhythm Foundation's** calendar. For art and culture with a Latin flair, **Viernes Culturales (Cultural Fridays)**



Arts Scene

To find out the most up-to-date information on cultural events, visit www.MiamiandBeaches.com and click on Calendar of Events.

Theater in Miami is hot-hot-hot! Check out the following stages while you're here: **Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre**; **GableStage at the Biltmore**; and **New Theatre**. Each year, the Lavender Footlights Festival features new plays written, produced and staged by the gay and lesbian theater community in South Florida. Other festivals of note include the **International Hispanic Theater Festival** and **City Theatre's Summer Shorts Festival**.

takes place on the last Friday of every month, filling the historic streets of Little Havana with arts and crafts, gallery open

houses, music, dance, theater, poetry and historic walks.

Film buffs should know that there is always a film event happening somewhere—from full-blown festivals

like the **Miami International Film Festival** and the **Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** to smaller but just as lively ones like the **Italian Film Festival** and **Miami Short Film Festival**. **Miami Beach Cinemathèque** on Española Way and **Bill Cosford Cinema** on the University of Miami campus are both popular locales for classic, foreign and documentary films.

And last but certainly not least, the icing on Greater Miami's cultural cake is surely the new **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts**. Three state-of-the-art theaters, an education center, an expansive outdoor plaza and a distinctive 1929 Art Deco tower give the center a unique, only-in-South-Florida ambience. This downtown architectural jewel, which was designed by renowned architect Cesar Pelli, provides a dramatic showcase for Miami's rich cultural arts.

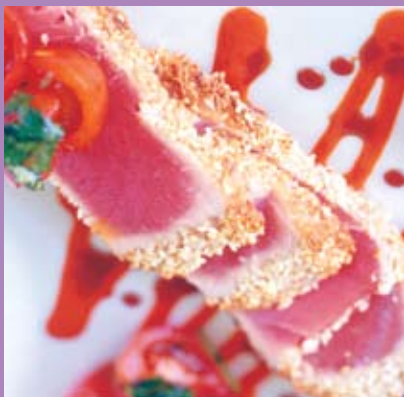






tantalizing treats

Dining in Miami is an adventure in multiculturalism. Galloping gourmets can make their way around the world sampling the food and flavors of Greater Miami.



culinary adventures

The restaurant scene in Miami has never been hotter. Dining around town is like spinning a globe. The tastes and traditions of Latin America, the Caribbean nations and so many others come together artfully and unexpectedly.



If the only thing you like better than good food is great food, you've come to the right place. Miami's international flair, seaside locale and subtropical climate have inspired local chefs to create mouthwatering taste sensations, in settings ranging from poolside to palatial.

If this is your first visit here, expect to be pleasantly surprised by what is known as New World or Floribbean cuisine. Miami's signature cuisine features dishes with eclectic blends of fresh, local ingredients enhanced by Caribbean spices and seasonings. Seafood specialties include fresh-caught stone crabs, Florida lobster and red snapper. Exotic tropical fruits like mango, tamarind, sour orange and sapodilla turn up in desserts, sauces and marinades.

Stars of Miami's hot culinary scene include Chef Allen Susser, Jonathan Eismann, Michelle Bernstein and Govind Armstrong. These celebrity chefs take pleasure from our abundance of fresh, local ingredients and

Miami Spice

Every August and September, celebrate the city's passion for food and life by enjoying special dinner and/or lunch menus at reduced rates.

For more information, visit www.iLoveMiamiSpice.com.

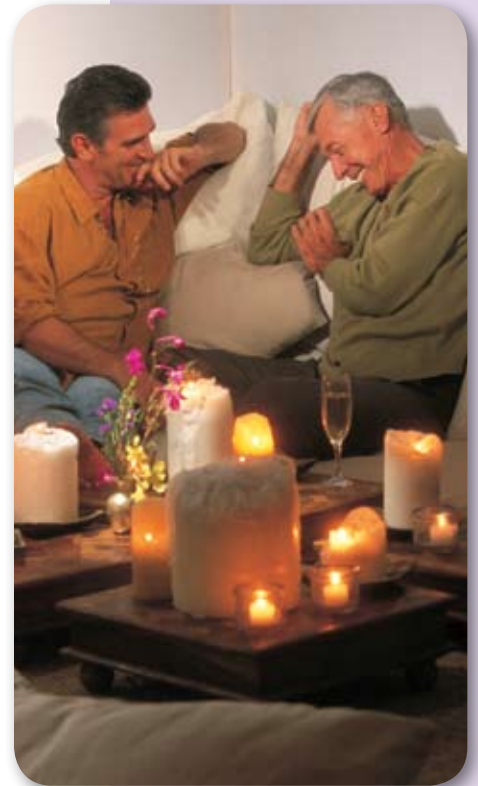
exotic fruits and spices—giving that unique spin to Greater Miami's cuisine that can't be duplicated anywhere else.

Miami's Latin flavors run from simple to sublime. Everyday Cuban fare is served all over town and includes standards like *arroz con pollo* (chicken with rice), *ropa vieja* (shredded beef), fried sweet plantains and perhaps a *cafecito* to end your meal. Fresh fruit shakes, called *batidos*, make an ideal mid-day snack. Popular flavors include mamey, banana and papaya.

A Nuevo Latino spin on Latin home cooking might feature an entrée such as plantain-crusted yellowtail with mango and scotch bonnet pepper sauce, followed by Key lime soufflé and a glass of dessert wine.

Like any international city, Miami has a broad range of ethnic restaurants that appeal to all budgets and tastes. There's no need to break the bank to enjoy a deliciously prepared, palate-pleasing meal. Throughout the year, culinary events present an opportunity to taste dishes from the homelands of Miami's international rainbow of residents.

This is a city that celebrates the seasons with food. Each June, the **Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival** pays homage to Coconut Grove's original black settlers with servings of spicy conch fritters, Johnny cake and rum punch. More summer fun happens in July at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's **International Mango Festival**, which showcases the many varieties of mango that thrive in our subtropical climate. Fans of the fruit can



Did You Know?

In 1921, a marine biologist working on Miami Beach suggested cooking and eating stone crabs that were plentiful in Biscayne Bay. The small lunchroom that served them cracked with hash brown potatoes, cole slaw and mayonnaise became a Miami Beach institution—Joe's Stone Crab!

sample mango chutney, mango fritters and maybe even a mango Martini! Another great thing about summer is **Miami Spice Restaurant Month**. Every August and September, top local restaurants participate in a summer value promotion where you can enjoy gourmet meals at reduced prices.

Where else but Miami can you frolic on the beach in the winter and taste gourmet food and fine wines? The **Food Network**

South Beach Wine & Food Festival in February lets you do just that! Chefs from around the world come to sunny Miami to show off their latest dishes. In the spring, **Calle Ocho** is the huge annual street festival that caps off **Carnaval Miami** each March. Among the tasty treats served at Calle Ocho are *paella*, the savory Spanish rice dish, and arepas, a favorite Colombian snack made with corn cakes and cheese.

Another spring fling you won't want to miss is the Fruit & Spice Park's **Asian Culture Festival**, where delicious foods from Malaysia, China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam will make your mouth water. The park also boasts more than 500 varieties of fruits, vegetables, spices, herbs, and nuts—many of which are used creatively by local restaurants.

Oenophiles will want to check out Florida's largest wine trade show, the **Miami International Wine Fair**, as well as two popular annual fundraisers:



Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation and the **Miami Wine & Food Festival**.

Whatever time of year you decide to visit, take time to experience multicultural Miami's tastes and traditions. Grab some *pastelitos* (pastries) and Cuban coffee in Little Havana, try fried fish with *riz et pois* (rice and red beans) in Little Haiti, or savor stone crabs on South Beach. From simple fare to simply sensational cuisine, dining in Miami is an adventure that shouldn't be missed!







events & more

Art museums and Art Deco, festivals and farmers markets, street parties and symphony concerts—there's never a dull moment in Miami. Plan ahead if you can, or jump right into the action and let serendipity lead the way...

where the action is...

Miami's beautiful natural surroundings, friendly people and hot mix of nationalities make for a tropical metropolis that rocks around the clock. Find out what's happening around town.



Miami's festivals and events celebrate books, film, art, fashion, tropical flora and fauna and a whole lot more. Many visitors plan their trips to coincide with one (or more) of these fun fests. For film buffs, there's the **Miami International Film Festival**, **Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** and many other screenings of note that take place throughout the city. For fashionistas, **Funkshion: Fashion Week Miami Beach** and **Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim** are not to be missed. For gourmands, a variety of cravings can be satisfied at the **Food Network South Beach Wine and Food Festival** and at numerous other epicurean events.

No fun seeker would want to miss the excitement of Greater Miami's annual blockbuster events. These include **Art Basel Miami Beach**, **Calle Ocho Festival** in Little Havana, the **Coconut Grove Arts Festival**, **Miami International Boat Show** and **Art Deco Weekend** on South Beach. And of course, be sure to mark your calendar for the big annual gay and lesbian events—**Aqua Girl**,



White Party Week, Winter Party Festival and Miami Beach Gay Pride—where the emphasis is on fun and fundraising for a variety of important causes.

The next few pages include a sampling of annual festivals and events that take place throughout Miami and Miami Beach.

For complete and up-to-date calendar listings, visit www.MiamiandBeaches.com.





Don't miss Miami's Top Gay and Lesbian Events:

February

Winter Party Festival

www.WinterParty.com

Features an extraordinary lineup of celebrity DJs in a week filled with parties and events culminating with a beach dance party. Proceeds benefit the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and local Miami-Dade LGBT organizations.

April

Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

www.MGLFF.com

The festival aims to enrich, entertain and educate the public, and encourage a sense of community throughout international and culturally diverse film, video and other media presentations in the Greater Miami area that offer historical and contemporary perspectives on the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered experience.

April

Miami Beach Gay Pride

www.MiamiBeachGayPride.com

On famous Ocean Drive in Miami Beach, more than 10,000 people will celebrate the first-ever Gay Pride Festival—dedicated to engage and raise awareness of the vibrant LGBT community. This historic event brings together civic, community and business leaders.

May

Aqua Girl

www.AquaGirl.org

Enjoy women's events in the sun and surf of South Beach with some of the hottest DJs and recording artists from around the world.

November

White Party Week

www.WhiteParty.org

An unparalleled week of fundraising parties and events culminating with the legendary White Party. More than 15,000 party-goers enjoy six days and nights of nonstop entertainment in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

January

Art Deco Weekend

www.MDPL.org

FedEx Orange Bowl

www.OrangeBowl.com

February

Coconut Grove Arts Festival

www.CoconutGroveArtsFest.com

Food Network South Beach

Wine & Food Festival

www.SoBeWineandFoodFest.com

Miami International Boat Show

www.DiscoverBoating.com/Miami

Winter Party Festival

www.WinterParty.com

March

Calle Ocho Festival

www.CarnavalMiami.com

Dade Heritage Days

www.DadeHeritageTrust.org

Miami International Film Festival

www.MiamiFilmFestival.com

Sony Ericsson Open

www.SonyEricssonOpen.com

Winter Music Conference

www.WMCon.com

World Golf Championships—

CA Championship at Doral

www.WorldGolfChampionships.com

April

AIDS Walk Miami

www.AIDSWalkMiami.net

Miami Beach Gay Pride Weekend

www.MiamiBeachGayPride.com

Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

www.MGLFF.com

May

Aqua Girl

www.AquaGirl.org

Miami Beach Polo World Cup

www.MiamiPolo.com

June

Florida Dance Festival

www.FLDance.org

Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival

www.GoombayFestivalCoconutGrove.com

July

America's Birthday Bash

www.BayfrontParkMiami.com

City of Miami Beach Fourth

of July Celebration

www.MiamiBeachFL.gov

International Mango Festival

www.FairchildGarden.org

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim
www.MBFashionWeek.com/Miami

Miami Spa Month
www.MiamiSpaMonth.com

August
International Ballet Festival of Miami
www.MiamiHispanicBallet.com

Miami Spice Restaurant Month
www.iLoveMiamiSpice.com

September
Festival Miami
www.FestivalMiami.com

International Ballet Festival of Miami
www.MiamiHispanicBallet.com

Miami Spice Restaurant Month
www.iLoveMiamiSpice.com

October
Festival Miami
www.FestivalMiami.com

Miami Carnival
www.MiamiCarnival.net

November
Ford Championship Weekend—NASCAR
www.HomesteadMiamiSpeedway.com

Miami Book Fair International
www.MiamiBookFair.com

White Party Week
www.WhiteParty.org

December
Art Basel Miami Beach
www.ArtBasel.com

Art Miami
www.Art-Miami.com

Ongoing Events
ArtSouth Second Saturdays
www.ArtSouthHomestead.org



Española Way Weekend Festival
www.TheMarketCompany.org

Free Saturday Family Fun Days
www.HMSF.org

Freedom Fridays
www.Wolfsonian.org

Gallery Nights
www.ArtCircuits.com

JAM at MAM

www.MiamiArtMuseum.org

Jazz at MOCA

www.MocaNoMi.org

**Lincoln Road Outdoor Antiques
& Collectibles Market**

www.AntiqueCollectibleMarket.com

Miami Beach Botanical Garden Tours

www.MBGarden.org

Miami Beach Cinemathèque

www.MBCinema.com

Miami-Dade Parks EcoAdventures

www.MiamiEcoAdventures.org

**Target Free 3rd Fridays at
Miami Children's Museum**

www.MiamiChildrensMuseum.org

Viernes Culturales (Cultural Fridays)

www.ViernesCulturales.com







sizzling nights

Options abound for evening adventures.
What's your pleasure? Sashaying to salsa?
Mojitos on the beach? A sultry jazz club?
Nighttime is when Miami really comes alive.

nocturnal pursuits

Celebrities and trendsetters know a great thing when they see it. Miami's nightlife is in a league of its own. And it all shifts into overdrive when we host three of the planet's foremost charity events: late November's **White Party**, February's **Winter Party Festival** and **Aqua Girl Weekend** in May.



Miami boasts some of the world's top international DJs and hottest night clubs—gay and straight. It's truly a 24-hour city where you can dance the night away, grab a breakfast of *café con leche* and Cuban toast, take a nap on the beach and do it all over again the following night.

A favorite see-and-be-seen spot on **South Beach** is **Lincoln Road**, a lively pedestrian strip full of trendy outdoor cafes and cool boutiques. People-watching is big here, and it's a great place to launch an evening of South Beach club crawling.

Keep in mind that the club scene on Miami Beach changes frequently, so be sure to read the local club rags when you get to town. There are several gay clubs on Miami Beach. (See box.) Hot tip: Use taxis for club hopping. Trying to find a place to park on South Beach can be tricky.

While the club scene is liveliest (and most gay-oriented) on South Beach, plenty of

Clubs We Like

Wondering where the action is? Here are some favorite gay hangouts:

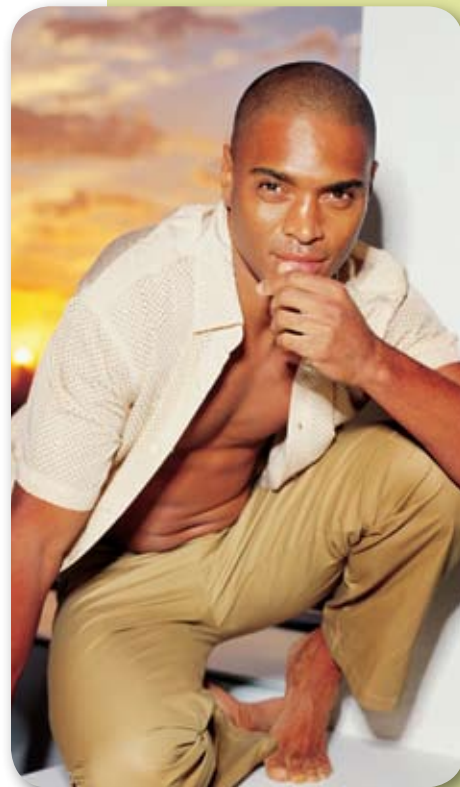
Halo Lounge— Miami	The Palace	Score	Twist
1625 Michigan Ave., Miami Beach 305/534-8181	1200 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach 305/531-7234	727 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach 305/535-1111	1057 Washington Ave., Miami Beach 305/538-9478

For a current listing of women's and men's events, visit www.GoGayMiami.com/WhatUp.asp

nocturnal hot spots are scattered throughout the city. Across the MacArthur Causeway from South Beach, **Downtown Miami** sheds its business image when the sun sets and becomes a hip enclave of cutting-edge clubs. Brickell Avenue's sleek skyscraper hotels are also worth checking out. Many offer pool lounges with sweeping views of Miami and Biscayne Bay, or elegant piano bars with cosmopolitan flair.

If you need a bite, plenty of sophisticated cafes and restaurants have sprung up to

cater to Downtown's burgeoning new condo crowd. Just north of Downtown Miami, the **Design District** has emerged as a new late-night hangout. Chic clubs and lounges play everything from techno to house, and art events take place at many of the area's galleries. Day or night, this is a great place to hang out. West of downtown's Brickell Business District is **Little Havana**, home to Latin-flavored restaurants and supper clubs offering traditional salsa music plus Afro-Cuban rhythms, rumba, rap and funky fusions that draw all ages to the dance floor.



Did You Know?

Little Havana's Walk of Fame honors Hispanic artists including Gloria Estefan and Celia Cruz—and its annual Calle Ocho Festival attracts more than one million people.

South of Downtown Miami is **Coconut Grove**, which was Miami's original gay enclave. In the 60s and 70s, a truly bohemian spirit existed here, where artists, writers, and assorted colorful characters created an environment that was unique to South Florida. Today, the Grove is a party-all-night spot that—like South Beach—is busy with foot traffic as people make their way along sidewalks lined with restaurants, bars and lounges.

West of lively Coconut Grove, the Mediterranean-style city of **Coral Gables** is home to the University of Miami and a variety of unique clubs and lounges,



especially along the Miracle Mile shopping promenade and within the area's elegant hotels. Happy Hour is big here, but for late-night action your best bet is probably elsewhere.

Whatever your mood, Miami's night scene can match it. Not ready to disco down? No problem. Kick back at a local bar or enjoy a quiet dinner followed by cocktails at one of the city's *tres chic* hotel lounges. Got your mojo back? Good! Head for the

club of the moment and make nice with those beefy bouncers....

Our subtropical climate encourages partying al fresco. You can sip champagne inside a cozy beach tent with your friends; crash a cabana party at an Art Deco hotel; or chill out on a palm-shaded daybed beside other jet-lagged jetsetters. Don't worry—you'll find your rhythm here.







shopping in style

Trinkets large and small, designer duds, glittering jewels and the odd stuffed alligator thrown in for fun—Miami's a shopper's paradise. From bargain basements to halls of *haute couture*, you'll find everything your little heart desires!



fabulous finds

Shopping in Greater Miami and the Beaches is an attraction unto itself. Port cities have always enjoyed a reputation for being lands o' plenty, but Miami's *really* got the goods. Here's a primer to get you started.



Aventura Mall in Greater Miami North is a mega-mall full of high-end retailers including Ann Taylor, Abercrombie & Fitch, Chico's, Coach and many more. The mall's anchors include Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Nordstrom, JCPenney and Sears. At the north end of Miami Beach, **Bal Harbour Shops** holds the reputation as one of the original destinations for *haute couture* in South Florida, with internationally renowned purveyors of fine design including Gucci, Prada, Chanel and Valentino, anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus.

Trendy boutiques and gift shops define shopping in Coconut Grove. **CocoWalk** is a popular retail and entertainment hangout for locals and visitors alike. In nearby Coral Gables, the **Village of Merrick Park** is an elegant outdoor mall in a park-like setting with gourmet cafes, restaurants and retailers including Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus, Hugo Boss, Façonnable, Diane Von Furstenberg, Canali and Burberry. Home design shops and art galleries are

Shop Miami

Experience the city's world-class shopping and receive a little something extra in the bargain. Our city's finer retail establishments and fabulous shopping streets have chosen to offer gifts and services as a way of expressing their thanks for your patronage. For more information and to receive a gift book, please visit www.ShopMiami.travel.

also part of the mix. Historic **Miracle Mile** runs through the heart of the Coral Gables business district. Unique gift shops, bridal emporiums and home décor stores can all be found here.

Miami's **Design District** is a must-go destination for an amazing array of designer furniture, textiles, lighting, art galleries and ethnic *objets d'art*. Nearby, **The Shops at Midtown Miami** offer three blocks of stores,

including Target, Ross Dress for Less, West Elm and Loehmann's.

Miami's **Downtown Shopping District** offers hundreds of stores anchored by Macy's, Marshall's, Ross Dress for Less, and The Sports Authority. Another highlight of the Downtown Shopping District is the **Seybold Building**, which boasts more than 280 jewelers. **Bayside Marketplace** sits along Biscayne Bay across from the Port of Miami and is a popular nighttime gathering place with a variety of interesting shops. **Mary Brickell Village** is a shopping and dining hot spot in Miami's hip, urban Brickell Avenue neighborhood.

In South Miami, **The Shops at Sunset Place** sport a Niketown, Splitsville bowling lounge, GameWorks arcade and nationally known retailers like Banana Republic and Barnes & Noble. You'll also find one-of-a-kind boutiques throughout downtown South Miami. Farther south along US Highway 1 is **The Falls Shopping Center**, a beautiful outdoor mall





with wooden footbridges, waterfalls and lush tropical plants. Unique boutiques and high-end retailers are anchored by Macy's and Bloomingdales.

Miami Beach's popular shopping streets encompass **Lincoln Road**—a lively pedestrian-only mall with funky stores, galleries, cafes and a Sunday farmer's market; **Washington Avenue** with its hip night clubs and fun shops; and the corridor of **Collins Avenue** from 10th to Fifth Street where trendy retailers like Nicole Miller, Tommy Hilfiger, Sephora and Versace make their homes. Like Lincoln Road, **Española Way** is a pedestrian-friendly street featuring shops, cafes and galleries. Early Miami's Spanish Mediterranean-style architecture is on display here.

Suburban mega-malls with an array of terrific shops include **Dolphin Mall** (a popular outlet destination), **Miami International Mall**, **Southland Mall** and

Westland Mall. Close to the Florida Keys is **Prime Outlets—Florida City**.

Antique hounds and bargain hunters will want to check out the **Lincoln Road Antiques & Collectibles Market**, a lively outdoor market that happens every other Sunday on Miami Beach. Other fun spots for vintage delights include the **Bird Road Arts District** (located off Bird Road and 72nd Avenue) and **Homestead Main Street** (along Krome Avenue in the Downtown Homestead Business District).

Shopping in **Little Havana** turns up quintessential Miami souvenirs such as hand-rolled cigars and guayabera shirts. Be sure to stop at one of the many fresh fruit kiosks or Latin *cafeterías* for a drink and a snack.

Can't find a suitcase big enough to tote home all your treasures? Buy a yacht! Ahhh, now that's retail therapy....







splash & play

Year-round sunshine makes for a great sports atmosphere. Pro games played outdoors, water sports galore, and tennis and golf tournaments with international appeal are all part of what makes Miami special.

hot tickets and cool pursuits

When it comes to sports and recreation, Greater Miami and the Beaches scores big. Whether your game is golf, tennis, volleyball, baseball, basketball or football—or even if your game is gaming—the area serves up enough action to keep your vacation on the move. Great beaches and water sports add to the fun.



Some might say Greater Miami and the Beaches is one gigantic playground. After all, you've got your sandboxes (the beaches), your swings (the golf courses), and your slides (Major League Baseball). Just unpack your bathing suit, your golf clubs, your team spirit and enjoy!

Let's start with sandboxes. Two favorite **gay beaches** include 12th Street and Ocean Drive on South Beach, and the north end of Haulover Beach—which is clothing optional.

Other popular beaches include **Bill Baggs State Park** on Key Biscayne, which is a great place to swim and picnic. You can also tour the historic 1825 lighthouse. In nearby Coral Gables, the picturesque **Venetian Pool** is a national historic landmark and a popular place to cool off. You can frolic amid the waterfalls and grottoes and pretend you're Johnny Weismuller or Esther Williams—both of whom once swam here. (For a complete listing of beaches, see page 49.)

Back on dry land, hot major league tickets include **Miami Dolphins** football and **Florida Marlins** baseball—both played at Dolphin Stadium in northern Miami—and **Miami HEAT** basketball, which takes place at American Airlines Arena in Downtown Miami.

Besides the major team franchises, Miami also plays host to internationally renowned golf and tennis tournaments throughout the year, including the **World Golf Championships—CA Championship at Doral**, a PGA tournament played on the famed Blue Monster course at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa, and the **Sony Ericsson Open**, which attracts the world's greatest tennis players to Key Biscayne's Crandon Park Tennis Center every year. There are plenty of well-groomed public golf courses and tennis courts throughout Greater Miami where you can improve your handicap or perfect your backhand.

College teams score big among Miami's fans as well, with the **University of Miami**

Sports fans have their pick in this town. Here are a few teams you might want to check out:

Professional & NCAA Sports Information

Miami Dolphins

888/346-7849

www.MiamiDolphins.com

Miami HEAT

786/777-4000

www.HEAT.com

Florida Marlins

305/626-7400

www.FLAMarlins.com

Florida International University Golden Panthers

305/348-4263

www.FIUSports.com

University of Miami Hurricanes

305/284-2263

www.HurricaneSports.com





Hurricanes football and baseball teams leading the way. The football 'Canes are five-time national champs, while the baseball team has made ten trips to the College World Series. The **Florida International University Golden Panthers** are the newest South Florida college football team on the field.

Another hot spectator sport takes place at the Homestead-Miami Speedway, home of the **Ford Championship Weekend**—the season finales for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup, Busch and Craftsman Truck Series—as well as prestigious events from the world of racing.

Spectator sports aside, Miami lives up to its reputation as an outdoor playground. Scuba divers and snorkelers can spend their day underwater, exploring the submarine marvels of our spectacular coral reefs. Windsurfers and sailors can always catch some air along the shores of beautiful Biscayne Bay. Canoeists and kayakers will enjoy exploring magical Everglades waterways or suburban Miami's mangrove islands. Fishing fans will be thrilled by trophy-size sailfish (catch and release, of course) right off the coast of Miami.

And speaking of trophies, the **ING Miami Marathon** takes place each January and includes a Tropical 5K Run, a half marathon and the 26.2-mile marathon through the streets of Miami.

Pari-mutuel sporting venues include thoroughbred horse racing at **Calder Race Course** and **Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino**, and greyhound racing at **Flagler Greyhound Track**. **Miami Jai-Alai** offers fast action and the exciting spectacle of one of the world's oldest games. At **Miccosukee Indian Gaming**, you can try your luck at poker, lightning lotto, high-stakes bingo and video pull-tab machines.

With a merry-go-round of fabulous sporting events and recreational opportunities, Greater Miami and the Beaches is a year-round tropical playground that caters to your every sporting desire.



Beaches

Bal Harbour

Collins Ave. from 96th St. to
Haulover Inlet,
Bal Harbour
305/866-4633

Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Recreation Area

1200 S. Crandon Blvd.,
Key Biscayne
305/361-5811

Crandon Park Beach

4000 Crandon Blvd.,
Key Biscayne
305/361-5421

Haulover Beach Park

10800 Collins Ave.,
(Clothing optional/gay section on
northern end)
Miami Beach
305/944-3040

(continued)

**Historic Virginia Key
Beach Park**

4020 Virginia Beach Dr.,
Miami
305/960-4600

**Hobie Beach/Windsurfer
Beach Causeway**

Rickenbacker Causeway,
Miami
305/361-2833

Homestead Bayfront Park

9698 SW 328th St.,
Homestead
305/230-3034

Miami Beach Central

Collins Ave. from 21st St. to 46th St.,
Miami Beach
305/673-7714

Miami Beach North

Collins Ave. from 46th St. to 78th St.,
Miami Beach
305/673-7714

Miami Beach/South Beach

Ocean Dr. & 5th St. to Collins Ave.
& 21st St.,
(Gay section located at 12th Street.
Look for rainbow flags.)
Miami Beach
305/673-7714

Miami Beach/South Pointe Park

1 Washington Ave.,
Miami Beach
305/673-7730

North Shore Open Space Park

Collins Ave. from 78th St.
to 87th Terr.,
Miami Beach
305/993-2032

Oleta River State Park

3400 NE 163rd St.,
North Miami Beach
305/919-1846



Sunny Isles Beach

Collins Ave. from 157th St.
to 193rd St.,
Sunny Isles Beach
305/947-0606

Surfside

Collins Ave. from 88th St. to 96th St.,
Surfside
305/864-0722







body & soul

A tropical vacation doesn't mean your fitness routine needs to be left at home. Miami offers state-of-the-art gyms and plenty of places to work out. Many hotels offer gym passes, too. So rest assured, your "yoga butt" or six-pack abs won't disappear here!

relax and rejuvenate...

Grandma's spa vacation is gone with the wind. You won't find ho-hum treatments or yucky health food in *this* sunny paradise. Spa time in the Magic City is state-of-the-art sensational and Moon-over-Miami *mahh*-velous!



If serious relaxation is the goal of your vacation, you will be delighted by the variety of day spas and spa resorts in Greater Miami and the Beaches. The latest soothing spa treatments and massage therapies are widely available to help relax both body and mind. Yoga sessions on the beach, poolside massages, hydrotherapy and personalized nutrition and fitness programs are just a few of the ways to restore the body as well as the spirit.

Many local spas incorporate a bit of indigenous flavor—sea salt and seaweed scrubs, warm coconut milk baths, aloe wraps, and citrus and papaya facials—to create an authentic “Miami” experience. Another plus of a wellness vacation here is Miami’s year-round sunny weather. What could be more relaxing than getting a massage outdoors on the beach, with the soft sounds of waves rolling in?

Did You Know?

Venetian Pool in Coral Gables is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It's also a great place to swim!

From Reiki and Shiatsu to Turkish body scrubs and Hungarian Moor mud wraps, the treatments you'll find on local spa menus leave no stone unturned. Oh, yes, and don't forget to try a hot stone massage while you're at it! With so many options to choose from, a Miami spa vacation can easily kick-start a commitment to better health and wellness. It can also serve as a simple yet much-needed reminder to work less, laugh more, and feed the spirit as well as the body.

For the health-conscious traveler, Miami is the ideal destination to rejuvenate the body, clear the mind, and put some zest back into a running-on-empty life. Many

Miami Spa Month

Every July, Greater Miami's top spas offer an enticing menu of specially priced spa treatments. This annual promotion is organized by the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau.

For complete details, visit www.MiamiSpaMonth.com.

large resorts and spas offer state-of-the-art gym equipment as well as yoga, Pilates and water aerobics classes. Also, be sure to inquire whether your hotel offers passes to nearby gyms. Staying fit is easy when you're surrounded by sea, sun and sand.

As spa connoisseurs from around the world have known for years, Greater Miami and the Beaches offers an eclectic assortment of spas that are as unique, luxurious and exotic as the city itself.







attractions galore



Miami will dazzle your senses in so many ways. From exotic botanical gardens and houses made of coral to stunning Art Deco architecture and airboats blasting through the sawgrass—this is a city full of contrasts.

see the sights

As if sunny tropical weather and sandy beaches weren't enough, there's a whole lot more to enjoy about Greater Miami. Take time to experience its lush botanical gardens, animal-themed parks, unique historic landmarks and Everglades wilderness.



There are a million and one ways to spend a day in Greater Miami and the Beaches. With nature providing the brilliant subtropical backdrop, the area's parks, animal-themed attractions and historic sites add drama and delight to any vacation experience. Below are a few of Miami's jewels.

America's Trusted Tours and Attractions of Miami

800/213-2474

www.TrustedTours.com/Store/Miami-C84.aspx

Find information and discount tickets for top attractions and tours. Jungle Island, Miami Seaquarium, Go Miami Card—one-day, three-day, or five-day, Biscayne Bay harbor tours, swim with dolphins and more. Visit the website for more information.

Ancient Spanish Monastery

16711 W. Dixie Highway,

North Miami Beach

305/945-1461

www.SpanishMonastery.com

Built in Segovia, Spain, in 1141, the Monastery Cloister is the oldest building in the Western Hemisphere. Newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst brought the pieces to America in 1925, and in 1952, Miami developers reassembled the monastery on its current site.

Angels Cypress Airboat Tours

**15 miles west of Florida's Turnpike on
Tamiami Trail (US 41), Miami
561/252-4030**

www.CypressAirboats.com

Offering private, fully custom airboat tours through the unique and beautiful Florida Everglades. Their private tours are led by an expert, certified captain with more than 35 years of Everglades guide experience, operating top-of-the-line airboats. See wildlife including birds, animals, alligators—even rare and endangered species, up close in a natural, unspoiled setting. An unforgettable adventure with incredible photo opportunities, available year-round. One, two, or three hours are available. Please check their website for directions.

Art Deco Historic District

**c/o Miami Design Preservation League
Art Deco Welcome Center & Gift Shop,
12th Street and Ocean Drive,
Entrance on 12th Street, Miami Beach
305/672-2014**

www.MDPL.org

The nation's largest 20th century Historic District on the National Register. The area features more than 800 historic buildings erected during the 1920s and 1930s, and contains a variety of architectural styles. Walking, bicycle, rollerblade and private group tours are available.

Biscayne National Park

**9700 SW 328th St., Homestead
305/230-1100**

www.NPS.gov/Bisc

A 53-foot glass-bottom boat and a 45-foot diving and snorkeling catamaran take adventurers across southern Biscayne Bay, through wilderness, mangrove creeks, islands, and out to tropical coral reefs teeming with sea life. Family snorkeling and scuba diving



available. Canoe and kayak rentals, picnic area, walking trails, fishing, camping and shower facilities available. Reservations required. Beautiful waterfront visitor center offers exhibits, films and information.

Biscayne Nature Center

Marjory Stoneman Douglas

**Biscayne Nature Center, Crandon Park,
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne
305/361-6767**

www.BiscayneNatureCenter.org

Offers hands-on marine exploration, coastal hammock hikes, fossil-rock reef walks, local history lectures and beach walks. Marine exploration trips scheduled at low tide only. All trips led by a naturalist guide. Reservations required.

Cauley Square Historic Village

**22400 Old Dixie Highway, Miami
305/258-3543**

www.CauleySquare.com

This nostalgic village offers a glimpse of Old South Florida at its best. Its quaint



cottages have been restored into a labyrinth of antique and specialty shops, featuring unique items to delight the discerning shopper.

Coopertown Airboat Rides and Restaurant

22700 SW 8th St., Miami

305/226-6048

www.CooperTownAirboats.com

Offering airboat rides and alligator exhibitions since 1945. Professional guides lead tours through Hardwood Hammock to see national wildlife in its native Everglades environment. Just 11 miles west of Florida's Turnpike. Gift shop and restaurant with a menu that includes frog legs and gator tail.

Coral Castle

**28655 S. Dixie Highway, Homestead
305/248-6345**

www.CoralCastle.com

This quirky monument is one of Greater Miami's more unusual attractions. Giant pieces of coral rock were carved into a variety of objects by Edward Leedskalnin in the 1920s, as a tribute to unrequited love. The construction techniques behind this mystery garden of fantastic coral sculptures continue to baffle experts and visitors. This attraction has been featured in hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles.

Coral Gables Merrick House

**907 Coral Way, Coral Gables
305/460-5095**

www.CoralGables.com

This is the boyhood home of George E. Merrick, founder and developer of the City of Coral Gables. This historic landmark house originally began as an 1899 frame house which was added onto in 1907.

The house has been restored to the 1920s period and filled with the Merrick family's art, furniture and personal treasures.

Deering Estate at Cutler

**16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami
305/235-1668**

www.DeeringEstate.org

This is one of the most beautiful and unique parks in South Florida. More than 450 acres, offering tours of endangered natural areas, historic and archaeological sites, guided canoe trips to Chicken Key, recreational facilities and a breathtaking view of Biscayne Bay. The park contains the restored Richmond Cottage, portions of which date back to 1896, and the Mediterranean Revival winter home of Charles Deering, completed in 1922.

Everglades Alligator Farm

**40351 SW 192nd Ave.,
Florida City
305/247-2628**

www.Everglades.com

Explore the Everglades on a thrilling airboat tour and enjoy live shows every hour featuring alligators and snakes.

Everglades National Park

**40001 State Road 9336, Homestead
305/242-7700**

www.NPS.gov/Ever

The third largest national park in the Continental U.S., encompassing 1.5 million acres of rare and beautiful ecosystems. The park contains a visitor center, nature trails, a full-service marina, boat-launching ramps, boat rentals and camping facilities.

Everglades Safari Park

**26700 SW 8th St. (Tamiami Trail),
Miami
305/226-6923**

www.EvSafariPark.com

Features an alligator farm and show, guided airboat rides, a jungle trail, an interpretive center, a restaurant and a gift shop. Private tours available.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

**10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables
305/667-1651**

www.FairchildGarden.org

This premier conservation and education-based garden and recognized international leader in conservation is dedicated to exploring, explaining and conserving the world of tropical plants. It houses the National Palm Collection, has the world's greatest living collection of palms and cycads; an education program reaching more than 30,000 school children per year; hosts popular events like the International Mango and Orchid Festivals, the Ramble, concerts, affiliated plant society shows and sales; and is a not-for-profit organization relying on the support of its 40,000 members and benefactors. It hosts major events such as Lichtenstein at Fairchild in 2008 and Chihuly at Fairchild in 2005 and 2006.

Fruit & Spice Park

**24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead
305/247-5727**

www.FruitandSpicePark.org

Established in 1944, this tropical paradise is nestled in the heart of the Redland District, just 35 miles south of Downtown Miami. More than 500 varieties of exotic fruits, herbs, spices and nuts from throughout the world are found in this lush 39-acre park.

Go Miami Card by Smart Destinations

800/887-9103

www.GoMiamiCard.com

Miami's multi-attraction pass featuring more than 40 Miami area attractions plus discounts on shopping and dining. Customers may choose from one, two, three, five or seven days of unlimited admission to Miami's very best attractions, museums, tours and cruises, and have two weeks to use it. The card gives visitors the ultimate tailor-made destination experience at a great value. Attractions

include Miami Seaquarium, Jungle Island, Duck Tours and many more.

Grapeland Water Park

**1550 NW 37th Ave., Miami
305/960-2950**

www.MiamiGov.com/Parks/Pages/Grapeland.asp

This family-friendly water park features four pools with slides, tube rides and recreational swimming. Pirates Plunge has slides and shallow water for kids 5 and under; Shipwreck Island has fast slides for kids 6 and older; Captain's Lagoon is a large recreational pool for the whole family; and the Buccaneer River Ride is a tube ride that winds around the whole park.

Island Queen Cruises Inc.

Boat Location: Bayside Marketplace

Office: 555 NE 15th St., Suite 102, Miami

www.IslandQueenCruises.com

Sit back and relax for an unforgettable bilingual narrated sightseeing cruise along scenic Biscayne Bay. See Miami's

spectacular coastal sites including the beautiful Downtown Miami skyline, the Port of Miami, Fisher Island, Miami Beach and “Millionaire’s Row”—the homes of the rich and famous. Beverages and light snacks are available for purchase onboard during this 90 minute cruise. All of their modern yachts feature an air-conditioned lower salon, enclosed in picture windows, as well as an upper-deck where guests may take in the fresh ocean breeze under a protective awning.

Jungle Island

1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami
305/400-7000
www.JungleIsland.com

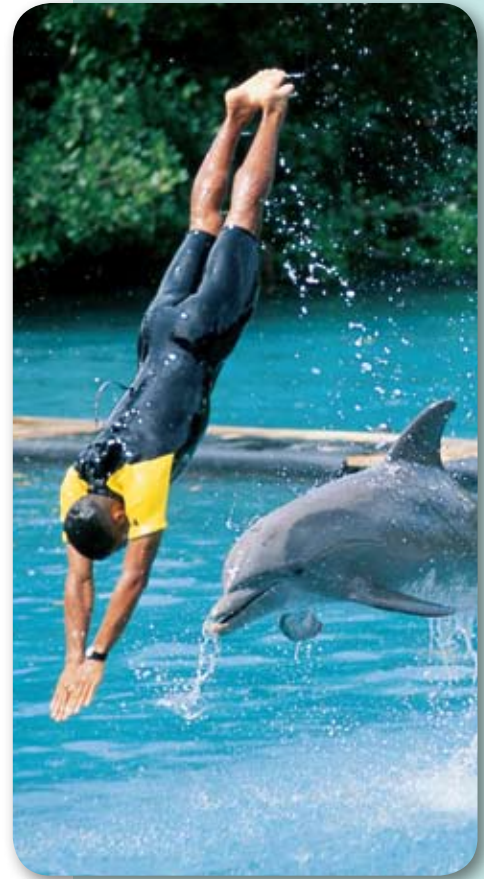
See great animal shows: Winged Wonders, their world-famous bird show; Tale of the Tiger with awesome tigers and much more; and Gator X-treme, which brings man face-to-face with alligators in a thrilling encounter both in the water and out. If that’s not enough, encounter exotic animals like their twin orangutans; a 20-foot,

2,000 pound crocosaurus; their liger—part lion and part tiger, and many more fantastic exhibits and events. Come see their newest attraction “The Hippo”—a 168-foot slide, located on their private beach. Visit with their new baby red kangaroos and see their South African penguins. For hands-on activities, visit the petting barn, feed the birds; and don’t forget to ask about the Jungle Encounter and VIP Safari Tours—a hands-on face-to-face experience with the animals.

Miami Children’s Museum

980 MacArthur Causeway, Miami
305/373-5437
www.MiamiChildrensMuseum.org

Includes 14 galleries, classrooms, parent/teacher resource center, Kid Smart educational gift shop, 200-seat auditorium and Subway restaurant. The museum offers hundreds of bilingual, interactive exhibits; programs and classes and learning materials related to arts, culture, community and communication.



Miami Metrozoo

12400 SW 152nd St., Miami

305/251-0400

www.MiamiMetroZoo.com

Rated one of the top 10 zoos in the U.S. by Tripadvisor.com in 2008, this 300-acre cageless zoo showcases more than 1,200 animals in large open-air exhibits. Things to do and see include: Amazon and Beyond, a 27-acre, \$50 million exhibit, Wings of Asia Aviary, Dr. Wilde's World, Samburu Giraffe Feeding Station, Humpy's Camel Rides, and Zookeeper encounters throughout the day. Rent a Safari Cycle, ride the monorail or take a tram tour to see the zoo. Picnic and party facilities are available.

Miami Seaquarium

4400 Rickenbacker Causeway,

Key Biscayne

305/361-5705

www.MiamiSeaquarium.com

Enjoy 38 acres of entertainment, great shows and exhibits. Home of Lolita, the

Killer Whale and TV superstar, Flipper. Laugh with the island adventures of Salty, the Sea Lion, and thrill to the power, grace and beauty of dolphins performing with Lolita. An exciting two-hour program lets visitors slip into a wet suit and enter the world-famous Flipper Lagoon for an up-close encounter with dolphins. See Nile Crocodiles at Discovery Bay, and the new Salty's Pirate Playground.

Monkey Jungle

14805 SW 216th St., Miami

305/235-1611

www.MonkeyJungle.com

Escape on a jungle safari. Explore the wilds of South America, Asia and Africa. Witness crab-eating monkeys diving for treats. Delve into the lush, tropical Amazonian rain forest filled with hundreds of exotic monkeys. Also contains one of the richest fossil deposits in Southern Florida, with more than 5,000 specimens. New exhibit includes rare Amazon parrots, the Cameroon Jungle and the Mandrill

Baboons. Offers continuous presentations, snack bar and gift shop.

Pinecrest Gardens

11000 SW 57th Ave., Pinecrest

305/669-6942

www.PinecrestGardens.com

This 22-acre site includes a botanical garden, petting zoo, Splash 'N' Play water playground, butterfly exhibit, playground, amphitheaters and community rooms. It also hosts weddings and private parties.

Richard Petty Driving Experience

Homestead-Miami Speedway,

1 Speedway Blvd., Homestead

800/237-3889

www.1800BePetty.com

Offer guests the opportunity to ride or drive an authentic NASCAR Nextel Cup-style race car. Options include the Ride-along experience, Rookie Experience, Kings Experience and Experience of a Lifetime. Driving programs last for three hours, riding programs generally from 15-30

minutes. Call for scheduled dates at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Schnebly Redland's Winery

**30205 SW 217th Ave., Homestead
305/242-1224**

www.SchneblyWinery.com

This winery in the Redland tropical countryside offers tours and wine tastings around natural coral waterfalls surrounded by lush tropical foliage. Visitors can compare the taste of lychee, passion fruit, carambola, guava and mango wines, just to name a few. This is the southernmost winery in the Continental U.S., handcrafting tropical wines without using grapes.

Venetian Pool

**2701 DeSoto Blvd., Coral Gables
305/460-5306**

www.VenetianPool.com

A Venetian-style lagoon carved out of coral rock, this historic landmark and swimming pool features caves, stone



bridges and waterfalls. Operates year-round. Call for information on rates and hours of operation. Closed Mondays. Children must be at least 38 inches tall or show proof that they are 3 years old.

Vizcaya Museum & Gardens

**3251 S. Miami Ave., Coconut Grove
305/250-9133**

www.VizcayaMuseum.org

Vizcaya was built by agricultural industrialist James Deering, who wintered on the property from 1916 to 1925. Today, the extraordinary European-inspired estate and National Historic Landmark includes a house filled with art and furnishings, and 10 acres of gardens on Biscayne Bay.

resources & acknowledgments

Miami-Dade LGBT Community Organizations

Aqua Foundation for Women (Aqua Girl)

3510 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 205
Miami, FL 33137
Contact: Vivian LaMadrid,
Executive Director
305/576-2782
vivian@aquafoundation.org

Dade Community Foundation The Gay & Lesbian Community Projects Fund

200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 505
Miami, FL 33131
Contact: Jerry Chasen,
Chair, Advisory Committee
305/377-0718
jchasen@bellsouth.net

Equality Florida

3510 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 205
Miami, FL 33137
Contact: Stratton Pollitzer,
South Florida Director
954/682-6094
stratton@eqfl.org

Lambda Legal

1447 Peachtree St., NE,
Suite 1004
Atlanta, GA 30309-3027
Contact: Rick Hill
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rhill@lambdalegal.org

Miami Beach Gay Pride

Contact: Cindy Brown
786/210-0613
cbrown5743@aol.com

Miami-Dade Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

3510 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 205
Miami, FL 33137
Contact: Steven Adkins,
President
305/573-4000
mdglcc@bellsouth.net

Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

1521 Alton Road, Suite 147
Miami Beach, FL 33139
Contact: Franc Castro,
Chairman
786/376-1627
info@mgfff.com

Miami Gay Men's Chorus

P.O. Box 190209
Miami Beach, FL 33119-0209
Contact: Peter Reinoso
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tenorsduebetter@yahoo.com

National Center for Lesbian Rights

National Advisory Board
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305/495-6969
yesi@pandoraevents.com

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (Winter Party)

3510 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 202
Miami, FL 33137
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Pridelines Youth Services

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luigi@pridelines.org

Safe Schools

P.O. Box 347321
Coral Gables, FL 33234
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SAVE (Safeguarding American Values for Everyone)

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South Florida Family Pride (Broward and Miami-Dade Counties)

michael@southfloridafamily
pride.com
gayfamilies-subscribe@yahoo
groups.com

Unity Coalition/Coalicio Unida

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Director
786/356-1665 or
786/271-6982
www.unitycoalition.org or
www.coaliciounida.org

Yes Institute

5275 Sunset Drive
Miami, FL 33143
Contact: Rachel Sotille,
Executive Director
305/663-7195
rachel@yesinstitute.org



Community Health Service Providers

Borinquen Clinic

Contact: Gamaliel Rivera
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grivera@borinquenhealth.org

Care Resource (White Party)

3510 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 300
Miami, FL 33137
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rsiclari@careresource.org

Hispanic AIDS

Awareness Program
2250 Coral Way, Suite 301
Miami, FL 33145
Contact: Esther Tellechea,
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SoBe Aids Project

1234 Washington Ave., Suite 200
Miami Beach, FL 33139
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Switchboard Miami

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domestic partnership registry

The City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County have both adopted legislation that affords certain rights and benefits to qualified long-term committed relationships. Partners need not be Miami Beach or Miami-Dade County residents.

Miami Beach

Declaration of Domestic Partnership forms can be downloaded online at:

<http://Web.MiamiBeachFL.gov/CityClerk/Default.aspx?id=14068>

Registration is available Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Miami Beach City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 1st floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Registration fee is \$50 per couple. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 305/673-7411.

Miami-Dade County

Declaration of Domestic Partnership forms can be downloaded online at: www.MiamiDade.gov/CSD/Domestic_Partnership.asp

You can also obtain a declaration from the Miami-Dade County Consumer Services Department at 140 W. Flagler St., 9th Floor, in Downtown Miami. Both partners must sign the application before a Notary Public.

If applying by mail:

Send the completed, notarized application and a check or money order made payable to Board of County Commissioners to the following address:

Consumer Services Department
Domestic Partner Registration
Consumer Protection Division
140 W. Flagler St., Room 902
Miami, FL 33130

If applying in person:

Bring the completed, notarized application and check or money order made payable to Board of County Commissioners (Visa and MasterCard are also accepted if applying in-person) to the following address:

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